

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Hays Creek, Walker Creek, Moffatts Creek and Otts Creek in Augusta and Rockbridge Counties. Hays Creek was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment extends for 11.99 miles from Moffatts Creek to the confluence with the Maury River. Tributaries of Hays Creek, including Moffatts Creek, Walker Creek, and Otts Creek are also listed on the 2006 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report for violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on May 19, 2008 and are available on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The meeting will be held at the Rockbridge Baths Volunteer Fire Department at 5024 Maury River Rd. in Rockbridge Baths, VA.

The draft Implementation Plan will be available for review on the web no later than December 2, 2010 at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Monday January 3, 2011**. Written comments should include the name, address, and

telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 44 Sangers Lane, Suite 102, Staunton, VA 24401, telephone (540) 332-9238, or e-mail Nesha.Mcrae@dcv.virginia.gov.